

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, all rejected claims have been canceled, without prejudice to the patentability of the canceled rejected claims. Also, allowed claim 16 has been amended to become an independent claim, rather than being dependent on canceled claim 15, and the limitations of claim 15 are included in amended claim 16.

In view of the cancellation of the rejected claims, and the noted amendment to claim 16, only allowed claims remain. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900, x6908.

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